

Remarks/Arguments

The Office Action of May 17, 2005 and the references cited therein have been carefully studied and reviewed, and in view of the foregoing Amendment and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

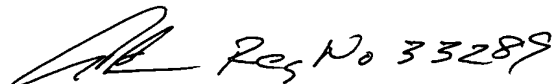
The indication by the Examiner of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 5 – 16, 22, 23 and 25 is hereby kindly acknowledged.

Claims 5- 7, 13, 23 and 25 have been re-written in independent form. Rejected independent claims 1 and 21, and claims 17 – 20 and 26 withdrawn from consideration, have been canceled. New dependent claims 27 – 30 corresponding to original claim 2, and new dependent claims 31 – 34 corresponding to original claim 3 have been added. The amendment thus places the case in clear condition for allowance.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Amendment be entered as not requiring further search and/or consideration, and that the case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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